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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 10/706,321)
) Group Art Unit: 1743
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) Examiner: Jeffrey R. Snay
For: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS)
OF A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE)
OF UNKNOWN QUANTITY)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- X Copies of the non-patent literature references and foreign patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A and B are enclosed herewith. Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3).
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